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TEXTILE PACKAGE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of outcome of the `Textile Package` announced by the Government for fast development of textile industry under the National Textile Policy, 2000;

(b) the future prospects for the development of wool sector;

(c) the details of programmes and schemes being formulated by the Government for the development of this sector during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the total investment proposed to be made in the wool sector during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) Taking note of the new challenges and opportunities presented by the changing global environment including an integration of the world textile and clothing markets by end 2004, the Government of India have announced a National Textile Policy in November 2000 to develop a strong and vibrant textile industry capable of producing cloth of good quality at acceptable prices as well as of competing with confidence with other textile producing countries for an increasing share of global market. The major outcome of the Textile Package announced for fast development of textile industry under the National Textile Policy-2000 are as under:

(i) De-reservation of woven readymade garment sector from SSI.

(ii) Announcement in three consecutive Budgets aiming inter alia at further rationalisation of duty structure in the textile sector and reducing costs of raw material and machinery critical to technology upgradation;

(iii) Launching of schemes of Apparel Parks for Exports and Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme for upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centres;

(iv) Concerted action for implementation of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme and Technology Mission on the Cotton schemes;

(v) Allowing foreign equity participation upto 100% through automatic route in the textile sector with certain exceptions;

(vi) Launching of a programme as part of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for modernisation of weaving capacities.

(b) to (d) The ingredients of the strategy for future prospects and the development of wool and woollens in the country comprises :

(i) increasing production of the indigenous wool and improving its quality;

(ii) promoting research for better woollen products so that higher value realisation could be achieved; and

(iii) promotion of export of wool and woollens by improving quality and marketability.

Central Wool Development Board administers programmes for development of wool and woollens in the country through State Governments and their agencies focusing inter-alia on improvement of quality and yield of wool; quality processing of wool;

promotional activities and marketing and development of specialised fibres such as pashmina and angora. Research projects for improving products are also undertaken by Wool Research Association. During the 10th Plan period an allocation of Rs.40 crore have been made for the woollen sector by the Government. No estimation can be made of investment proposed to be made by the private entrepreneurs in the woollen sector during the 10th Plan period.